



**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
ART UNIT 1645**

PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Carson and Albani Art Unit: 1645
Application No.: 09/616,247 Examiner: Shahnan Shah, K.S.
Filed: July 14, 2000
Title: VACCINE COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS USEFUL IN
INDUCING IMMUNE PROTECTION AGAINST ARTHRITIC
PEPTIDES INVOLVED IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF RHEUMATOID
ARTHRITIS

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RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, which the Examiner has made Final, please consider the following remarks and amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page two of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page four of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on February 23, 2005, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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